

## TOWN OF EASTHAM

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## Proclamation Purple Heart Community

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Eastham have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for the men and women who selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, THE CONSTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES OF THE MEN AND WOMEN FROM Eastham who served in harm's way in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedom and the way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, The Purple Heart is the oldest American military decoration in present use and was initially created as The Badge of Military Merit on August 7, 1782 in Newburgh, New York by General George Washington. The award was made of purple cloth, shaped as a heart with the word "Merit" sewn upon it, and

WHEREAS, August 7 is nationally recognized as Purple Appreciation Day;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Eastham does hereby proclaim that Eastham is a Purple Heart Community and that August 7<sup>th</sup> will be considered Purple Heart Day in Eastham. The board of Selectmen encourages residents and businesses to display the American flag and recognize Purple Heart recipients on that day, honoring the service and sacrifice of our military personnel.

Previously signed on the 9th day of September, 2019 Reconfirmed on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

Jamie M. Demetri, Chair

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